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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL GROUP (AUGMENTED)

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From: Brig. Gen. Lansdale *→ A*

Subject: Action Proposals, MongOOSE

At your 4 October meeting, it was your desire that MongOOSE be stepped up. The Operational Representatives were so tasked, promptly, and we can expect a series of proposals in the near future (with sabotage given priority attention).

Previously released

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Comments on each proposal:

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- A. In a Cuban or Bloc port
- B. At sea.

Broadcasting in Russian to Cuba.

It is noted that many of the Bloc technicians now in Cuba are young, in their early 20's, and that the proposed VOA programs will be specifically tailored for them, as well as being consistent with open U.S. policy. It is believed that advantages far outweigh the disadvantages listed.

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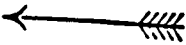
~~This proposal is now planned as a Cuban-run operation, with the U.S. helping the Cubans to help themselves.~~

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3 Attachments

"Eyes Only" copies to:

Mr. Kennedy
Mr. Bundy
Mr. Johnson
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Mr. McGee
General Taylor
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